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SIR:

This is an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, amending the above-identified patent
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 17 as shown in clean form below:¹

17 (Amended) The particle-measuring method according to Claim 9, wherein the
processing chamber has a wall, the exhaust opening is made in a given part of the wall, the
exhaust pipe extends horizontally, vertically, or slantwise, and a trajectory of particles is
simulated with respect to a direction in which air or gas is exhausted through the exhaust
pipe.

¹A marked-up copy of the amendment is attached hereto.

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